

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2017-13**

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2017

Title of Resolution: Water and Sewers - Sewer Use - Connection Charge

Synopsis: A Resolution to establish within the Cecil County Sanitary District a reduction of the connection fee for residential living units from \$12,000 per equivalent living unit to \$6,000 per equivalent living unit and to allow terms of any installment payment of the wastewater connection charge to be subject to terms as specified in the Sanitary District Policy.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: July 11, 2017

Scheduled for consideration on: July 18, 2017

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by _____ at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on _____.

By: _____
Council Manager

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1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 365-38 of the Cecil County Code: “The County reserves the right to
2 establish said rates and [connection] charges by a future sewer user regulation and to increase and
3 decrease said rates and charges from time to time by further regulation and to establish different
4 classifications as to rates for residential sewer systems, commercial and industrial use.”; and,

5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 365-26 of the Cecil County Code, all County areas to be served with
6 sewer and water are under the authority of the Department of Public Works; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 365-26 of the Cecil County Code, the County may require the
8 payment of a connection fee as a condition precedent to connecting to County sewer mains; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 365-26 of the Cecil County Code, all persons who connect to
10 County sewer mains shall in fact pay, in addition to all other charges stated, a connection fee and/or
11 benefit charge, the specific amount and condition to be set in a sewer user regulation which has been or
12 will be enacted by the Cecil County Council; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2013, the County Council adopted Resolution 17-2013, thereby
14 establishing the current residential wastewater connection charge and an installment payment method
15 for paying the charge; and,

16 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that it is in the best interest of Cecil County to
17 decrease the residential wastewater connection charge from \$12,000 per equivalent living unit to \$6,000
18 per equivalent living unit; and,

19 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has further determined that it is in the best interest of Cecil
20 County to allow the installment payment method of residential wastewater connection charges to be
21 published in, and changed through, the Sanitary District Policy issued by the Director of Sanitary Facilities
22 (the Director of Public Works); and,

23 **WHEREAS**, the decrease of the wastewater connection charge for each residential equivalent
24 living unit from \$12,000 per equivalent living unit to \$6,000 per equivalent living unit will be effective
25 upon passage of this Resolution, and will sunset 24 months after the date of passage, with the option for
26 the County Executive to extend the period of reduction for an additional 6 months for individuals who
27 have a valid building permit at sunset.

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland finds that a
29 reduction of the wastewater connection charge for each residential equivalent living unit is in the best
30 interest of Cecil County, Maryland;

31 **AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland hereby approves
32 and adopts the reduction of the wastewater connection charge for residential equivalent living units from
33 \$12,000 per equivalent living unit to \$6,000 per equivalent living unit;

34 **AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the decrease of the wastewater connection charge for each
35 residential equivalent living unit from \$12,000 per equivalent living unit to \$6,000 per equivalent living
36 unit will be effective upon passage of this Resolution, and will sunset 24 months after the date of passage,
37 provided however that the County Executive may extend the 24 month wastewater connection charge
38 reduction for an additional period of 6 months for individuals who have a valid building permit at sunset.

39 **AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland hereby approves
40 that the installment payment method of residential wastewater connection charges is to be published in,
41 and changed through, the Sanitary District Policy issued by the Director of Sanitary Facilities (the Director
42 of Public Works).

43 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by
44 the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

INTRODUCED: July 11, 2017

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager